

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8667–S8772

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3064–3073, S.J. Res. 52, and S. Con. Res. 136–137. **Page S8759**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001”. (S. Rept. No. 106–414)

H.R. 2647, to amend the Act entitled “An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community” to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights. (S. Rept. No. 106–415) **Page S8759**

Measures Passed:

Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) for China: By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate passed H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People’s Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8667–S8730**

H–1B Nonimmigrant Visa: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens. **Pages S8730–31**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2045 (listed above). **Pages S8730–31**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Page S8731–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, with a vote to occur on adoption of the conference report.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the telecommunications payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–128) **Page S8756**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Edward Francis Meagher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information Technology).

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S8772**

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Measures Referred: **Page S8757**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—252) **Pages S8725–26, S8731**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 20, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the threat of Iraq on the region and to United States interests, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Edward S. Walker, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command.

WATER AND POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho, S. 2906, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia, S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River, and S. 3022, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Quint, Acting Chief of Staff, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Larry Howard, City of Loveland Department of Water and Power, Loveland, Colorado; D.R.

Michelle, Colville Confederated Tribes, Omak, Washington; Tom Sullivan, Okanogan Irrigation District, Okanogan, Washington, and Henry Weick, Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, Boise, Idaho.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 4986, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provisions relating to foreign sales corporations (FSCs) and to exclude extraterritorial income from gross income, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 4868, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lott, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the state of foreign language capabilities and requirements within the United States Federal Intelligence Community and its effect on national security, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Robert O. Slater, Director, National Security Education Program; Dan E. Davidson, Bryn Mawr College Department of Russian and Second Language Acquisition, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS; Martha G. Abbott, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia; and Frances McLean Coleman, Ackerman High School, Ackerman, Mississippi, on behalf of the Weir Attendance Center.